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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Defector Citizen Legislation: Meeting with
Alan Coffey, Minority Counsel, House Judiciary
Committee

1. On March 19, 1985, I met with Alan Coffey, Chief Minority Counsel, House Judiciary Committee. I stated that Representative Stump's bill, H.R. 1082, contained a "defector" citizenship proposal. I stated further that the Office of Management and Budget had cleared for transmittal to Congress a similar proposal prepared by the Intelligence Community and that this proposal was also likely to be included in the version of Intelligence Authorization Bill finally cleared by OMB and transmitted to Congress. The Stump bill did not amend the Immigration Nationality Act; the Intelligence Community proposal did. Accordingly, it was possible that one of these provisions, or some variant thereof, could be included in the version of the Intelligence Authorization Bill introduced by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI). If this happened, I asked how the House Judiciary Committee might react.

2. Mr. Coffey indicated that it was possible the Judiciary Committee could request and obtain a referral of such a Bill. Amendments to the INA were clearly within the Committee's jurisdiction; changes in the law on naturalization generally were also. Thus, the Committee had a basis for requesting a referral. Such a referral, however, would be limited to a period of 30 days and would only be for review of the provision of the Bill which was in question. Essentially, the decision as whether or not to seek a referral would depend upon the content of the provision and would be made by Chairman of the Committee, Representative Rodino.

3. Mr. Coffey suggested that in working with the HPSCI, we look to those members who are also on the Judiciary Committee: Representatives Kastenmeier and Hyde. He also suggested Representative Mazzoli be contacted. This led me to ask whether Representative Mazzoli would introduce, this Congress, another version of the "Simpson-Mazzoli" immigration bill. Mr. Coffey indicated that Representative Mazzoli probably would.

4. Mr. Coffey offered his assistance. I indicated, however, that we were not prepared to proceed any further at this point until we have some indication from HPSCI whether such a provision would be included in the authorization bill as introduced and, if so, what it would look like.



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